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DRAFT MINUTES FOR EMERGENCY SUMMARY ACTION MEETING

Held on Thursday, October 11, 2007

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Board Members

William R. Martin III, M.D., Chair
Douglas D. Lee, M.D., Vice Chair
Dona Pardo, Ph.D., R.N., Secretary
Dan Eckstrom
Robert P. Goldfarb, M.D., F.A.C.S.
Patricia R.J. Griffen
Ram R. Krishna, M.D.
Todd A. Lefkowitz, M.D.
Lorraine L. Mackstaller, M.D.
Paul M. Petelin Sr., M.D.
Germaine Proulx
Amy J. Schneider, M.D., F.A.C.O.G.

Call to Order

The meeting was called order at 5:52 p.m.

Roll Call

The following Board Members were present: Dr. Goldfarb, Ms. Griffen, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Lee, Dr. Mackstaller, Dr. Martin, Dr. Petelin, Dr. Pardo, Ms. Proulx, and Dr. Schneider. The following Board Members were absent: Mr. Eckstrom and Dr. Lefkowitz.

Call to the Public

There was no one present to speak during the call to public.

TIME SPECIFIC MATTER

CASE NO.	COMPLAINANT v PHYSICIAN	LIC. #	RESOLUTION
MD-07-0892A	AMB DAVID I. PLUMB, M.D.	37523	Summary Suspension.

Dr. Plumb was not present during consideration of this case. Kelly Sems, M.D., Chief Medical Consultant, presented the case to the Board. Dr. Plumb practices as a resident at the Mayo Family Medicine Residency Program and holds a full, unrestricted medical license. The Mayo Clinic Family Residency Program Director notified the Board that Dr. Plumb may be unsafe to practice medicine and that he was currently on leave of absence from the residency program. The investigation revealed that on August 29, 2007, after Dr. Plumb failed to respond to phone calls and knocks on his door, the police and his residency director found him in his apartment disoriented. He was taken to the Mayo Clinic for psychiatric evaluation. Dr. Plumb reported to the evaluator a history of cocaine and methamphetamine abuse, a recent use of alcohol with prescription opioids, and recent aggressive threats against his ex-girlfriend. The psychiatrist found Dr. Plumb acutely psychotic and at significant risk for self-harm. The psychiatrist petitioned for involuntary commitment due to Dr. Plumb's refusal of medical evaluation and psychiatric placement and because he continued to express self-harm. Dr. Plumb was admitted to Desert Vista Hospital where he underwent further evaluation. A hearing was held at the request of Dr. Plumb's family to dismiss the petition for the court ordered treatment and Dr. Plumb was released from the hospital. Dr. Plumb then voluntarily sought outpatient psychiatric care. Dr. Plumb maintained that he fabricated his interview with the Mayo Clinic psychiatrist, but admitted to Board Staff that he was currently consuming alcohol while taking prescription narcotics. Following his interview with Staff, Dr. Plumb was ordered to undergo a psychiatric and substance abuse assessment by a Board approved psychiatrist. Dr. Plumb was diagnosed with psychotic disorder, not otherwise specified – in partial resolution but with ongoing residual symptoms, polysubstance abuse history, and borderline personality disorder with narcissistic and anti-social traits. The Board approved psychiatrist concluded Dr. Plumb was not safe to practice. Staff offered Dr. Plumb an interim consent agreement for practice restriction pending the conclusion of this

matter; Dr. Plumb did not sign the agreement. Based upon the imminent danger to the public health and safety, Staff requested the Board consider summarily suspending Dr. Plumb's license.

MOTION: Dr. Krishna moved to summarily suspend Dr. Plumb's license based on an imminent threat to public health and safety.

SECONDED: Dr. Lee

ROLL CALL VOTE: Roll call vote was taken and the following Board Members voted in favor of the motion: Dr. Goldfarb, Ms. Griffen, Dr. Krishna, Dr. Lee, Dr. Mackstaller, Dr. Martin, Dr. Petelin, Dr. Pardo, Ms. Proulx, and Dr. Schneider. The following Board Members were absent: Mr. Eckstrom and Dr. Lefkowitz.

VOTE: 10-yay, 0-nay, 0-abstain, 0-recuse, 2-absent.

MOTION PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57 pm.



Timothy C. Miller, J.D., Executive Director